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Dear Drs. Heitz and Richmond:

General Permit PODCO-O GP 88-1
Aquaculture Structures in the Territory of Guam

The District Engineer at Honolulu is considering the issuance of the above referenced general permit that would allow the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, and specifically those of Guam, for aquaculture development.

We are currently reviewing the enclosed public notice but as the permit would apply specifically to aquaculture activities in Guam we are forwarding a copy of the document to you for your information.

In accordance with Federal regulations, general permits can be issued only for activities that will cause minimal adverse environmental impact. Based on a preliminary assessment of the impacts of the proposed general permit, the Corps has determined that this general permit would have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, a Federal Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

As presently drafted, the placement of dredged and fill material into wetlands, streams, and tidal areas, seems likely to have potentially significant adverse impacts on the coastal environment even though certain areas are excluded and such placement is for aquaculture. Perhaps the Corps should be asked to reconsider issuance of the general permit?

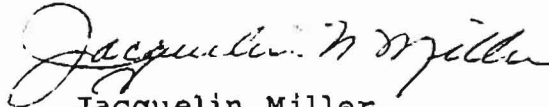
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We would appreciate guidance from you as to whether our concerns are justified and if further suggestions to the Corps should be initiated. Thank you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jacquelin Miller".

Jacquelin Miller
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